

TRAC match – July 8, 2025 – Anthony Turchetta, match director

Tony Torquemada once again tempts us with his rendition of a torture tournament to test our tolerance of target vs. distance when subjected to temperatures vs. tempers as applied to our average collective temperament. Where is my Thesaurus when needed to tease out more “T’s” for this text? Tony even set the targets in place to make sure we did not alter his target placement today. “Just pull the damn strings” was all we heard amid his laughter.....and hacking!

To set the stage, the weather was ideal for shooting. Partly cloudy and warm. The clouds did not move. Temps ranged from 91° up to a balmy 97° with humidity in the sticky 30% range. The breezes.....can’t really call it wind.....was variable between NW and SW with velocities between 3 and 7 mph; what you might call “mild”. Under the firing line, you could call them stagnant, but farther down range there was movement. Any other movement under the canopy was from jaws flapping and utterances of profanity and other colorful phraseology. Call it a descriptive cornucopia of comments to clarify the conditions. Some were quaint; others were abrupt. And a good time was had by all.....

As an afterthought, the question was asked, while the scores were announced, as to what the course Troyer factor was. Tony did not know but handed me his cheat sheet which he used to set it up. Needless to say, he is a madman! There was one target that was a 20T; a ½” target at 10 yards. There was one target that was a 30T; a 1” target at 30 yards. EVERYTHING else was in the upper 30’s. 6 targets were north of 40T and one target was a 50T! One competitor made the comment, “The Troyer factor was up here (indicating nose level) at F*** Y**! The excitement and enthusiasm were contagious, at the time, and I can tell you that once the numbers were input, the Troyer (difficulty) factor was a combined 38.77. When asked if he had a theme for today’s match, he did not know, but suggestions were offered by the congregation; anything from “More Heat!” to “Tony is an A\$\$hole”. For those who are wondering, who is this guy? Here is Tony as match director.....



There were 11 intrepid souls who braved the elements to shoot today, ALL shooting puffer guns, I might add. Yeah, I succumbed also. Gotta dust them off once in a while, and I hadn't shot this one in over a year, so what the heck.....

And guess who took the top spot this week?

44/48 – Anthony Turchetta / Bluwolf / Hunter PCP
43/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with....
43/48 – Wayne Mauler / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP
42/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
41/48 – Van Tucker / Daystate Herr Ranger / Hunter PCP, and tied with....
41/48 – Barry Diehl / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
40/48 – Tom Jados / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
39/48 – Stanley Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP
36/48 – Mark Kauffman / Steyr LG110 / Open PCP
33/48 – Larry Piercy / Daystate CR-X / Open PCP
28/48 – Loren Braud / Daystate Wolverine / Hunter PCP

That is all for this week. Next week's MD is yours truly. Long range forecast is more of the same as today's weather. Eh, we'll see. Anything is possible. And for those who don't come out when Tony is MD, don't let him scare you. We welcome the challenge, but still tease him relentlessly. Yeah, it may be warm. Yeah, it may be a tough course, but what else you got to do? Honey-do's can wait until you get home. It is all about the camaraderie, and we do have fun! And once in a blue moon, when the weather and conditions are absolutely perfect, even Barbara shows up.....LOL!

Somewhat respectfully submitted,
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.....and today's philosophical tidbit.....
Personal "wealth" is derived from the world we choose to live in, the
experiences we share, and the company we keep.
....this one is from me. Mark